Problems of street vendors

1731. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force set up to look into the problems of street vendors has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations;

(c) whether it has also recommended for amendment to the IPC and the Police Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) A Task Force was set up in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation to look into the various matters of the street vendors. The Task Force has formulated a draft National Policy on street vendors but the same is yet to be finalised.

Payment of compensation to the workers

1732. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Labour has recommended payment of uniform compensation to the workers being retrenched or laid off rather than differential rates of compensation based on the profitability of the unit;

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations of the Commission which are likely to be taken up for implementation;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to raise the floor level of employee-strength above which a company would have to seek the State Government's permission for retrenchment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The National Commission on Labour has recommended differential rates of compensation to workers being retrenched or laid-off. It has recommended, *inter alia*, that the rate of

retrenchment compensation should be higher in a running organization than in an organization which is being closed; compensation in case of sick units to be different from profit making units, etc.

(b) All the recommendations of the National Commission on Labour are under process in consultation with various social partners.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance to beedi labourers

1733. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to assist beedi labourers during the last six months in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance given in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what is the official machinery of the State Government which is responsible for welfare of beedi labourers; and

(d) the specific achievements towards welfare of beedi workers in the State during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Government is running a number of welfare schemes for the welfare of beedi workers in the fields of health, social security, housing education and recreation throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh through Labour Welfare Organisation in the Ministry of Labour. Labour Welfare Organisation is headed by Director General (Labour Welfare) and has nine regional offices including one at Hyderabad, which caters to the welfare needs of workers of Andhra Pradesh. The Labour Welfare Organisation's office at Hyderabad is headed by Welfare Commissioner who is assisted by one Welfare Administrator and Assistant Welfare Administrator and other Ministerial staff in performing his official duty. There are 12 Static-cum-Mobile and 3 Static dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh, which are providing health care benefits to beedi workers. Each of these dispensaries are provided with medical officer, staff nurse, pharmacist and dresser-cum-attendant.